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At Department briefing, October 24, following question is asked:

Q: Note. Can you comment in any way on reports indicating that the United States would be willing to negotiate bases in Cuba for bases in Western Europe? UNQUOTE.

Department spokesman stated,

Q: A: Mr. [unclear] My comment would be to point out to you that

Ambassador Stevenson, in the Security Council meeting last night, made quite clear that there is no relation between the situation in Cuba and the situation elsewhere in the world; therefore, there is no substance to such speculation. UNQUOTE.

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If similar questions arise, Embassy should deny validity of reports.

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